BEE GEE FILM LOCATION IS SWITCHED

JUST a few days after The Bee Gees finish their visit to Japan they will fly off to South Africa to begin shooting their first film *Lord Kitchener's Little Drummer boys*.

The switch of location from Kenya to South Africa has just been announced and came as a surprise to the group, especially Robin and Barry, who have not long been back from Kenya where they spent their holidays to try to get to know the country.

The Bee Gees at a recording session (l to r) Colin Petersen, Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb and Vince Melouney.

The change in countries was made because facilities for filming in South Africa are better, and because there are better connections with London.

The boys will play the parts of five brothers who at the turn of the century are press ganged into the British Army and forced to fight in the Boer War. The brothers' parents will be played by well-known stars, who are still being selected.

It will be the first major full length film the group has made, and while they will be under the supervision of the director and scriptwriter, they intend having a say over their parts in the film. They are of course no strangers to acting. The Gibbs brothers had a year-long TV series in Australia and Colin Petersen was the child-star of the film *Smiley*.

The film will follow many hectic weeks for The Bee Gees. On August 1st., they are off to the States for a five week tour, beginning in Arizona. They then go on to a three week tour of all major European capitals, including one date in London, before they fly out to Japan. They will have only a few days off between the end of the Japanese visit and when they fly out to South Africa at the end of October.

They should be on location for about six weeks before returning to London to do studio work. Just when we'll see the film, which will be in colour, is not known.

Footnote:—Barry and Robin on holiday in Rome recently, met American actor Eli Wallach who gave them tips on how to go about the acting business—so it should be red hot stuff.